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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF NEWSPAPERS

1. ON MARCH 26 THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION, THE EX-POST FACTO CENSORSHIP BOARD, SUSPENDED ONE OF LUANDA'S LEADING DAILIES, A PROVINCIA, FOR EIGHT DAYS AND FINED ANOTHER, O COMERCIO, \$2000 DOLLARS FOR HAVING PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND PHOTOS ON THE CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE.

2. PROVINCIA, RECENTLY TAKEN OVER BY FNLA, WAS PUNISHED FOR A STORY ENTITLED "BANDITRY PROVOKES THE INTERVENTION OF ENLA" (ENLA IS THE MILITARY ARM OF FNLA) AND "GOOD SENSE WINS THE BATTLE." O COMERCIO, A CONSERVATIVE BUT NOW A MORE INDEPENDENT JOURNAL THAN PROVINCIA, WAS FINED FOR "SOLDIERS OF ENLA BUTCHERED BY MPLA IN LUANDA" AND "CALM IS REESTABLISHED IN LUANDA."

3. THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION IS MADE UP OF THREE PORTUGUESE AND TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH LIBERATION GROUP. DECISIONS ARE BY A MAJORITY. THUS THE PORTUGUESE AND ONE LIBERATION GROUP ARE ENOUGH TO CENSURE OF A PAPER. IN THIS CASE APPARENTLY MPLA AND THE PORTUGUESE

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JOINED TOGETHER TO PUNISH THE JOURNALS FOR PRO-FNLA AND

ANTI-MPLA PIECES.

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